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AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): the outline of the constitution of Khadi and Village Industries Commission;

(b): the number of non-Government members therein;

(c): the number of posts out of these lying vacant for more than six months;

(d): whether there has not been any significant achievement in Khadi and Village Industries in rural areas during the last two years;

(e): the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f): the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): Under the relevant provisions of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act, 1956 (as amended to date), the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) consists of the following 13 members appointed by the Central Government, namely:

(1) six non-official members having specialised knowledge and not less than ten years of experience of khadi or village industries and representing the prescribed six geographical zones of the country;

(2) four non-official members of whom each member to be from the following disciplines, namely:-

(i) one member having expert knowledge and experience in Science and Technology;

(ii) one member having expert knowledge and experience in Marketing;

(iii) one member having expert knowledge and experience in Rural Development; and

(iv) one member having expert knowledge and experience in Technical Education and Training;

(3) Managing Director as may be nominated by the Chairman of the State Bank of India - who is an ex-officio member;

(4) Chief Executive Officer, KVIC who is an ex-officio member; and

(5) Financial Adviser, KVIC who is an ex-officio member.

(b): There are 10 non-official members and 3 ex-officio members.

(c): All members of the Commission are in position.

(d): The performance of khadi and village industries (KVI) has shown marked improvement during the last two years. The details of growth in the value of production and sales of the KVI sector as well as employment, during each of the last three years are given below:

Year	Production (Rs. crore)	Sales (Rs. crore)	Employment (lakh persons)
2003-04	9681.78	11575.22	71.19
2004-05	10920.43	13105.19	76.78
2005-06	12383.84	15276.02	82.77

(e) & (f): Do not arise.